

# Quote

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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER: "There is no blinking the fact that our interests (in Middle East) are very gravely jeopardized. . . if war breaks out." . . . [2] Ros' F KENNEDY, chief counsel, Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, *urging forthright U S statement opposing colonialism*: "If we are going to win the present conflict with the Soviet Union, we can no longer support the exploitation of native people by Western nations." . . . [3] Sen ALLEN J ELLENDER (D-La) *discussing Southern manifesto against integration*: "What the South must avoid at all costs is violence, lawlessness, hatred and bloodshed. . . If this should occur, then all our people could look forward to would be a repetition of the reconstruction regimes which brought the South only oppression and self-seeking exploitation." . . . [4] Sen MATTHEW M NEELY (D-W Va),

*quoting scripture to associates on farm-bill issue*: "Let your communication be by yea-yea and nay-nay. Use not vain

repetitions as the heathen." . . .

[5] Mrs MARK W CLARK, *writing (in Woman's Home Companion) on husband's reluctance to sign Korean armistice*: "He feared the United States had made an historic mistake." . . . [6] Dr RALPH E LAPP, atomic scientist, *deploring gov't failure to warn public adequately on dangers of radioactive fallout*: "Our position is like that of a fighter with a powerfully strong right hand—and an extremely fragile glass jaw." . . .

[7] HARRY S TRUMAN, *counseling newsman on dress required at his daughter's wedding*: "Well, sir, you wear the best pr of pants you've got, and just so long as you're covered up, you'll be in style." . .

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Could States' Righters tie up the '56 Presidential election?

We think Democrats will placate this insurgent group before election, but their defalcation *could* result in havoc.

In the '52 Presidential election a total of 531 electoral ballots were cast. Gen Eisenhower rec'd 442, Mr Stevenson 89. Now, let us assume that in '56 four Southern states (Ala, La, Miss and S Car) all of which cast ballots for Thurmond in '48, should again bolt the Democratic party. Their 38 electoral votes, subtracted from the 89 Stevenson rec'd in '52, would reduce that tally to 51.

But let us say that the normally Democratic states of Fla, Tenn, Texas and Va (all of which went Republican in '52 by slim majorities) ret'n to the fold this yr. This would add 57 votes to the Democratic column, bringing the count to 108.

Now, we'll say that the strategic states Calif (32), Ill (27), New

York (45) and Ohio (25), all of which were Republican in '52 by majorities of less than 5%, switch to the Democrats in '56. This would add 129 add'l electoral votes, and assuming that all other states voted as in '52, would give the Democrats a total of 237. This would leave the Republicans with 256 votes, the 3rd party with 38. Thus, party election would be thrown into the House of Representatives. Decision would be made by newly-elected Representatives. They would be called upon to act between Jan 3 (when 85th Congress convenes) and Jan 20, date constitutionally set for inauguration of next President. In this balloting each state votes as a unit; a majority of 48 states decides the Presidency. There is a further complication in that the Vice President is selected by the Senate rather than the House. Unless one major party attains a clear Congressional majority in the Nov election, the Southern states would presumably hold the balance of power in the event of a tie-up. It could be a terrific tangle. Let's

hope we can sidestep this particular headache.



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## *Quote* the weekly digest

"He who never quotes, is never quoted"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



### AGE—Youth—1

By 1976, this country's "youth fetish" will be on the way out. The country and the people will be older. Tastes are maturing and will continue to do so. Partly, our "youth fetish" is a hangover from the days when life was hard in a pioneer country and only youngsters could afford to have fun. Older people will be a bigger proportion of the population. This will create more interest in their needs.—"Your Next Twenty Yrs," (from forecast by Research Institute of America) in *Pulpit Digest*, 3-'56.

### ATTITUDE—2

Instead of weeping when a tragedy occurs in a songbird's life, it sings away its grief. I believe we could well follow the pattern of our feathered friends. — ROS'R SPARKS WALKER, naturalist & author.

### AUTOMATION—3

Mental tension is supplanting muscular fatigue as the chief complaint of workers in newly automated factories, according to recent study by Yale Univ. New machines have eliminated drudgery but the strain of watching and controlling them is said to make workers "junipy."

Jobs are physically easier, but worker now takes home worries instead of an aching back.—HOMER BIGART, *N Y Times*.

### BOOK—Reading—4

The man who reads only for improvement is beyond the hope of much improvement before he begins. — JONATHAN DANIELS, *Three Presidents and Their Books* (Univ of Ill).

### BUSINESS—Growth—5

Then there is the story of the \$6 million Buick. One early stockholder, despairing of ever getting a return on his 1700 shares (Minnesota Mining & Mfg), swapped the whole bundle for the latest in horseless carriages, complete with self-starter, electric head lamps, and easy-to-attach rain curtains. This yen for luxurious transportation deprived his heirs of 54,400 of today's shares and an annual dividend income of \$97,000.—*Chemical & Engineering News*.

### CHURCH—Attendance—6

A minister was asking one of his flock why he had not attended church lately.

"Well, you see, sir," said the man, "I'm troubled with a bunion on my foot."

"Strange," said the parson, "that a bunion should impede the pilgrim's progress."—*Tit-Bits*, London.

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# washington

by Les & Liz  
Carpenter



The campaign of a group of Republicans to cut down the name of the Democratic party to the "Democrat" party has provoked many Democrats. The latest to speak up is Rep Omar Burleson (D-Tex): "Maybe we should get even and chop off the 1st two letters of "Republican" and call it the Publican party. The Bible (Luke 19-8) mentions the Publicans as wicked politicians who got rich . . . by making false accusations against their opponents."

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*Dutch elm disease has hit the U S Capitol grounds and cost one of the most beautiful trees there. A 105-yr-old elm near the House chamber has just been sawed into logs for the Capitol fireplaces.*

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Lady Astor was in town and was asked if she had read the 1st installment of the Duchess of Windsor's memoirs. "No," replied the Va-born ex-MP. "I am surprised she wanted to write them." On the Grace Kelly romance, she observed: "I honestly think Americans aren't nearly so interested in the movie and glamor queens as newspapers make out."

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*Civil defense note: Treasury Dept is storing money in different locations around the country, in case enemy attack should suddenly cut off access to normal supply.*

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## CHURCH—Attendance—7

Church attendance set an all-time record in '56. Approx 49,600,000 persons— 49% of the total adult population—attended services in an average wk during the yr. Figure represents increase of 12,200,000 a wk over '50 and 2,600,000 over '54. It compares with slightly more than 1/3 (37%) of the adult population who reported they attended church in '40, and 39% in '50.—Dr GEO GALLUP, director, American Institute of Public Opinion, in syndicated col.

## CHURCH—Publicity—8

Millions are spent annually to advertise beer, tobacco, and liquor. More is spent to advertise soap than is used to tell the world of the greatest cleansing agent of all times, Christianity. Who has heard of a detergent with such a guarantee as this? "Though your sins be scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Rev D C PRESLEY, "Church Publicity," *Watchman-Examiner*, 2-16-'56.

## CONTENTMENT—9

Someone said, "The wise man learns how to live; the shrewd how to make money; but the man who learns to be content on what he makes is the happier of the two."—EARL RINEY, *Church Mgt.*

## COST—of Living—10

You don't realize you're buying gold bricks until you get a builder's estimate for a new home.—*Terre Haute (Ind) Star.*

## CRIME—Cost—11

Embezzlers cost U S business \$500 million in '55, which is almost as much as it lost by fire.—*Survey Bulletin.*

## book briefs



The "threesome trend" in book vending becomes more and more marked. In a single issue of *N Y Times* we lately noted 4 display ads with strikingly similar headlines: "Any 3 of these fine books yours for only \$2" (Literary Guild); "Choose Any 3 for Only \$3.95" (Book Find Club); "Take Any 3 for Only \$3.95" (History Book Club); "Any 3 for Only \$3.95" (Jewish Book Guild.)

At the "Critics Meet the Authors" program held by the Authors Guild recently A C Spector-sky, author of *The Exurbanites*, was asked whether the people of Exurbia read books. "Oh yes, indeed," he ans'd. "The Westport librarian tells me they bought 20 copies of my book and still have a waiting list. I could see my hopes of royalties going up in smoke." But he may now be somewhat heartened. A Westport bookstore rep'ts selling 300 copies of *The Exurbanites*.

We await expectantly news of a million-dollar deal for picture rights to a literary property. Word has just come to us that Warner Bros has paid \$750,000 for *Damn Yankees*, the musical based on Douglass Wallop's novel, *The Year the Yankees Lost the Penant*. Paradoxical as it may seem, these fantastic prices are an indirect result of dwindling box-office receipts. Because business is bad, producers try desperately to get better material. The brisk bidding shoots prices up and up.

"An author with a message can be overwhelmed by success as much as by failure. When the world agrees, the world forgets."—IVOR BROWN, *N Y Times Book Review*.



A current Folger cartoon pictures a substantial matron browsing thru the new books. To an attendant she inquires: "When you say that the critics all liked it, don't you mean it isn't very good?"

Meyer Levin, author of numerous books and picture scenarios, is at work on a novel based on the Qumran community and the Dead Sea Scrolls. His interest dates from a personal pilgrimage to Jerusalem in '50, when he discussed the subject with Prof Sukenik.

Mrs Lindberg's *Gift From the Sea*, which has headed the non-fiction best seller list for just short of a yr, has now been displaced. The newcomer is—as you may have suspected—Bridey Murphy!

A small lad chose *Advice to Young Mothers* as a volume to take out on his library card. When a librarian questioned his choice, he explained, "You see, I'm collecting moths."

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## EDUCATION—12

According to the Commission of Human Resources and Advanced Training . . . Of the 5% of our brightest and most promising high-school graduates, only six out of ten ever get a college education. Of the top 20%, more than a third never finish college. Of the best 25% of highschool graduates, fewer than one-half ever get a college degree.—ARTHUR F COREY, *CTA Jnl.*

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Out of every ten children of school age in the world, five are still not in school, four are in primary school and one is receiving post-primary education. — *World Service of Education*, published by UNESCO.

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The true value of education may be measured by what remains after the process by which it was acquired has been forgotten.—CHAS O DHONAU, dean, Cincinnati College of Embalming.

## FRIENDSHIP—13

A friend will see you thru when others see that you are thru.—LOUIS SOBOL, *N Y Jnl American.*

## GOD—and Man—14

While driving with my little girl I tried to make conversation by asking about her friends. She told me Jimmy was her best and 1st boy friend, Don her 2nd, Cliff her 3rd, Reid her 4th, Ken her 5th and God her 6th. I remarked that God might not be pleased with His rating, and went on to explain why He should be 1st.

After listening patiently, she said, "Yes, but I never get to see Him."—GLENN C SCHROEDER, *Coronet.*

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## GOD—and Man—15

The atheist wrote, "God is No-where." Fortunately, his little daughter read it, "God Is Now Here," and thus got the matter straightened out. — OREN ARNOLD, *Presbyterian Life.*

## GOVERNMENT—Service—16

The test to be applied to any shift from private enterprise to gov't should be simply this: will it work better? Nor need this

## *Quote* scrap book

"EXCISE: A hateful tax levied upon commodities."—SAM'L JOHNSON, in his *Dictionary of the English Language*, published 200 yrs ago—expressing a sentiment which finds reflection in the attitude of a majority of modern taxpayers. But we still have excise taxes!

choice be absolute and irrevocable; the possibilities of co-operation among business, universities and gov't are in the earliest stages.—ROB'T MOSES, *Working For the People* (Harper).

## IDEAS—17

A man begins to grow when he stops worrying about putting his own ideas over and keeps his mind open for the best ideas, no matter whose they are.—WILBERT E SCHEER, Personnel Director, Chicago's Blue Cross-Blue Shield, *Personnel Jnl.*

#### IDEAS—18

There are more warmed-over ideas than hot ones.—*Reading Magazine*, hm, Reading Co.

#### IMMORTALITY—19

Napoleon III rec'd a letter from his mother, Hortense, written in Switzerland. This letter he carried ever afterward next to his heart, in the glories of the Third Empire, amid the thunders and disasters of Sedan and down to his death in England. In the letter Hortense had written that she was to undergo an operation, and did not expect to survive, and, therefore, would not see him again in this life. Then she added: "Have faith that we shall meet again. It is too necessary not to be true."—CLARENCE EDW MACARTNEY, "Life Beyond the Grave,"—*Pulpit Digest*, 3-'56.

#### INDUSTRY—20

America can no more survive and grow without big business than it can without small business. Every fact proves the two are interdependent. You cannot strengthen one by weakening the other; you cannot add to the stature of a dwarf by cutting off the leg of a giant. . . . The American industrial machine is a unit, like an automobile, made of big parts and little parts, each of which does its own particular job and all of which are intricately fitted together. You may think it would be fun to sort them all out into neat piles according to size to please the statisticians. You could even pass a law declaring all parts must be the same size; the theorists would be delighted. But when you get thru, your automobile won't run—and neither will American industry.—BENJAMIN FAIRLESS.

#### LEADERSHIP—21

A comparison of 365 successful leaders with 135 unsuccessful ones pointed up 6 characteristics of effective business supervisors: 1) they establish group goals with the mbrs of the group; 2) they actively help achieve those goals; 3) they see that the group is co-ordinated; 4) they help mbrs fit into the group; 5) their interest is directed to the group, not to themselves; and 6) they show the right touch of "human-ness."—DONALD A LAIRD, *Methods*.

#### LEISURE—22

As automation shortens the working wk, more individuals can move into groups involving social interaction outside the job and home.—EDW P DUTTON, "Automation—A Challenge to Recreation," *Recreation*, 3-'56.

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Some relaxation is necessary to people of every degree: the head that thinks and the hand that labors must have some little time to recruit their diminished powers.—BERNARD GILPIN.

#### LIFE—Living—23

Life is like taking a journey; the scenery is always changing. We may have to go thru the desert, but it doesn't always stay desert, and even in the desert there is some loveliness, if we are on the lookout for it.—ANNE S W GOULD, *Relief Soc'y Mag.*

#### LOVE—24

Children divine those who love them; it is a gift of nature which we lose as we grow up.—PAUL DE KOCK, *Ladies Home Jnl.*

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### Maryland Melee

"Yes; war! on this memorial day, the day of Lexington, A lightning-thrill along the wires from heart to heart has run.

Brave men we gazed on yesterday, today for us have bled: Again is Massachusetts blood the first for Freedom shed."

—LUCY LARCOM.

*The Civil War, a tragic irony thruout, even had grim coincidence in its 1st bloodshed, 95 yrs ago (Apr 19, 1861). On the anniversary of the 1st Revolutionary blood-letting (Massachusetts patriots at Lexington), a secessionist mob attacked the 6th Massachusetts Regiment on its way thru Baltimore, killing 3 Bay Staters. Occupation forces soon ended Maryland's drift toward the Confederacy, but the incident gave rise to perhaps the best-known of all state songs, Maryland, My Maryland. The 1st stanza of that stirring Marseillaise-like work by pro-South Jas R Randall goes thus:*

The despot's heel is on thy shore, Maryland!  
His torch is at thy temple door, Maryland!  
Avenge the patriotic gore That flecked the streets of Baltimore,  
And be the battle-queen of yore,  
Maryland, my Maryland!

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### MARRIAGE—25

Red-headed Jerry Detwiler, the eager young college sr, asked our wise Grandfather Hillis how to make his girl marry him. "Son," said Grandpa, "if she doesn't want to, you can't. If she does want to, there's no way on earth to prevent it."—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

### PERSONALITY—26

The influence of a great person is like a trail of trust; he leaves the trail in the sky of mankind like the vapor trail of a high-altitude plane.—RUSSELL J HUMBERT, pres, DePauw Univ, "At the Edge of Mystery," *Phi Delta Kappan*, 2-'56.

### POVERTY—Abolition—27

For the 1st time in the history of man, we have reached the stage where our scientific prowess has provided the tools for the abolition of poverty.—Dr JAS L STERN, staff consultant of Automation Committee, U A W, addressing American Ass'n for Advancement of Science.

### PROGRESS—Lack—28

Our town doesn't have much get up and go—if you did get up there was no place to go.—HERB SHRINER, tv program.

### PROSPERITY—29

When soc'y becomes rich it generally spends a large part of its money on bldg. For the Romans it was aqueducts and military rds, for Louis XIV it was Versailles, for the lucky Joe Palooka of our time, it's a ranch house complete with electric sink and dishwasher, car-port and no down payment.—GEO NELSON, "Down with House-keeping," *Holiday*, 3-'56.

## pathways to the past

Edited by Janet Baldwin

Passover (16-23)

Nat'l Do-It-Yourself Wk

**Apr 15**—215th b'day (1741) of painter Chas Wilson Peale, called "artist of the Revolution" for his many portraits of patriots . . . The Ft Sumter battle over, Pres Lincoln proclaimed an "insurrection" in the South 95 yrs ago (1861), asked for 75,000 "police action" volunteers.

**Apr 16**—Britain's King Jas I chartered the London and Plymouth Companies 350 yrs ago (1606) to build settlements 100 mi's apart in Virginia (the latter, however, got off course and landed in N England) . . . Whilst a later-day Virginny was voting to secede from the Union 95 yrs ago (1861), a Reading (Pa) regiment was 1st to answer Lincoln's plea for troops. . . 85th anniv (1871) of b of playwright John Millington Synge (d 1909), luminary of mighty era in Irish theatre, in pre-War I Dublin.

**Apr 17**—The 1st ry of the mammoth N Y Central system, the wee 17-mi Mohawk & Hudson Ry, was chartered 130 yrs ago (1826) as the state's 1st track . . . With mbrship limited to 30, the elite American Academy of Arts and Letters was formed 40 yrs ago (1916) by skimming the *creme de la creme* from the much larger American Institute of A and L.

**Apr 18**—Disastrous fire after a huge earthquake 50 yrs ago (1906) laid 2/3 of San Francisco in ruins

killed 400, caused \$350 million property loss . . . Americans flying for France in World War I formed the daredevil Lafayette Esquadriile 40 yrs ago (1916), fighting 146 air battles before becoming a US squadron in 1918.

**Apr 19**—Patriots Day (anniv of Lexington, Concord battles) . . . Massachusetts men who shed Revolution's 1st blood this day, were 1st Civil War victims too; 95 yrs ago (1861) mobs attacked Bay State troops in Baltimore streets, killing 4.

**Apr 20**—Congress set up the Wisconsin territory 120 yrs ago (1836) . . . Rob't E Lee made his choice of loyalties 95 yrs ago (1861) resigning his U S colonelcy to take Virginia army command . . . During Reconstruction agonies 85 yrs ago (1871), Congress passed the Ku Klux Klan act, empowering the President to use armed force to quell terrorizing of Negroes.

**Apr 21**—Charlotte Bronte, *Jane Eyre* authoress, and eldest of the 3 sister novelists, was b 140 yrs ago (1816) . . . Sam Houston and Texans cinched recognition of their independence in the Battle of San Jacinto 120 yrs ago (1836), a 20-min slaughter of 1,600 Mexicans.

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More than 20 U S press representatives have booked passage on the liner *Constitution*, sailing Apr 4, with Grace Kelly aboard, bound for Monaco for her marriage to Prince Rainier. This is not, as some have assumed, a privately-chartered vessel. The *Constitution* will make its regular calls at a number of Mediterranean ports. This is the last sailing of the ship before a seasonal increase in rates. Because of the heavy demand for space, writers have been informed by American Export Lines that several will be assigned to each stateroom.

In Phila, the Kelly barrister, John Edw Sheridan, has been warning merchants that the family frowns on commercialization of the coming nuptials. (Local dep't stores still plan to dress up their windows and run congratulatory newspaper ads.) Sheridan has also run display ads in *Women's Wear Daily* and *Daily News Record*, putting mfrs on notice that any use of the names Grace Kelly or Prince Rainier III, or their seals, for commercial purpose, without authorization, will lead to prosecution. One N Y creator of a line of compacts, necklaces, etc, bearing the Monaco crest, will be allowed to mkt wares, on his promise that all profits will go to a Phila charity in which Mrs Kelly is interested.

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#### **RUSSIA—Peace—30**

It would be a welcome thing to see a dove of peace come out of Russia that didn't look cuckoo.—*Rushville (Ind) Republican.*

#### **SCIENCE—31**

The final test of Science is not whether its accomplishments add to our comfort, knowledge and power, but whether it adds to our dignity as men, our sense of truth and beauty. It is a test Science cannot pass alone and unaided.—*DAVID SARNOFF, "Crisis in Our Age," Vital Speeches.*

#### **SERVICE—to Others—32**

It is when we forget ourselves that we do things that are remembered.—*Arkansas Baptist.*

#### **SILENCE—33**

Starr Dally, a man who knows much about the art of spiritual healing, said, "No man or woman of my acquaintance who knows how to practice silence and does it has ever been sick to my knowledge." Surely, the practice of silence is more soothing and healing than most medicines. Pascal, the great scientist, said, "After observing human kind over a long period of yrs, I came to the conclusion that one of man's great troubles is his inability to be still." —*CHAS L ALLEN, "How to Have the Peace of God," Grace Pulpit, Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, 2-'56.*

#### **SUCCESS—34**

I once heard a very great man say that any deed worth doing or any institution worthy of survival must have a compound of three ingredients: A plan, a power and a prayer.—*Jos A BATCHELOR, Indiana Freemason.*

### TASTE—35

There really is such a thing as good taste. We are all born with no taste—other than the taste in our mouths. When we say, "I know what I like," we really mean, "I like what I know." Good taste just isn't one of those things that comes naturally. It has to be acquired. — BERNICE FITZ-GIBSON, "How Good is Your Taste?" *This Wk*, 3-11-'56.

### TELEVISION—36

An egghead friend of ours finally succumbed and bought a tv set. He said he had to do it because everyone in his family is an opera lover: He, grand; his wife, soap; his kid, horse.—*Television Age*.

### TRAVEL—Foreign—37

For'gn travel ought to soften prejudices, religious or political, and liberalize a man's mind; but how many there are who seem to have travelled for the purpose of getting up their rancour against all that is opposed to their notions. —CHAS B FAIRBANKS, *Modern Language Jnl*.

### VIEWPOINT—38

The German statesman Gerstenmair spent wks in Africa and told much about his impressions. But I just heard *their* impressions of him: "Gerstenmair is a great man," commented one tribal bigwig. "Even if his skin is white, his heart is black." — *Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation).

### WORK—39

The feeling of having done a job well is rewarding; the feeling of having done it perfectly is fatal. —DON FEDDERSON, *Forbes*.



Paul M Butler, chmn, Democratic Nat'l Committee, has asked newspapers to set up a "battle page" in closing wks of Presidential campaign, allowing equal space to 2 major parties for their own unedited statements. Idea isn't new; *N Y Daily News* 20 yrs ago carried such a feature and even called it "The Battle Page." In '52 QUOTE had a similar feature titled "It's An Election Yr."

Newspapers are increasingly concerned over the "crackpot fringe" amongst those who write letters to the editor. Too many are systematically using letter columns to promote a pet cause or publicise a pet hate. Such individuals sometimes write letters to a dozen, or even a score or more key newspapers. In addition to scanning local contributions more carefully, editors now look with special suspicion on letters from distant areas.

By the way, the just-published *Ayer Directory of Newspapers & Periodicals* reveals that, despite the newsprint shortage, U S papers increased their circulation a million copies a day in '55 over preceeding yr. Our English-language dailies now have total circulation of 55,837,000.

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There is the case of the father who is sure his pride and joy is headed for achievement as prosecuting attorney. The other evening he was trying to persuade his young problem to eat his stewed rhubarb, and without much success. "Come on, now, Tony," he coaxed. "Remember, there are thousands and thousands of children in India who would be so happy to have the chance to have some nice rhubarb like this that they'd do anything to get it."

The small boy looked up with a level gaze in his blue eyes. "Name two," he challenged.—*Montrealer.* a

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A woman appeared at the Bureau of Missing Persons and reported her husband had vanished into thin air six and a half mo's previously.

"Good Heavens, woman," exclaimed the officer, "why did you wait so long to report this?"

"Well," she admitted, "the first wk my heart hurt me too much, thinking he just didn't love me. The second wk my pride hurt me too much, thinking he's probably run off with another woman. And for the last six mo's my conscience has hurt me too much, thinking what a whale of a good time I've been having."—*Fifth Wheel*, hm, Indiana Motor Truck Ass'n. b

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

JACK W BURCKHARDT

During a lecture on the classics the speaker discussed Aeschylus' *Prometheus Bound*. After the session he was approached by a woman who introduced herself and said, "Mr Jones, I must have seen the title *Prometheus Bound* dozens of times, and if I hadn't attended this lecture today I'd probably still be under the impression that it was a travel book!"

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A woman in a small Ohio town was gossiping with her friend on the party-line telephone. The usual clicks were heard as other listeners picked up their phones.

Suddenly, in the middle of the conversation, there came the unmistakable sound of a receiver being banged down on its hook.

"Well, I like that!" said the 1st caller with pretended indignation, "somebody hung up on us!"—*American Medical Jnl.* c

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A visitor asked the sword swallower to demonstrate his art. He picked up some pins and needles and swallowed them.

"But," protested the visitor, "Those aren't swords. . ."

"I know," was the reply, "but I'm on a diet."—*Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Corp'n. d

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## QUIPS

Recruits in one of the women's Services were being instructed in sentry duty.

"Now don't forget," admonished the sgt, "you say 'Halt, who goes there?' not 'Stop or I'll scream!'" — *Cambridge (England) Daily News.* e

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Uncle Mat tells about his young daughter returning from her first dinner away from home. Her mother asked her if she was a good girl and remembered to say something nice to Mrs Brown after dinner. "Yes, indeed," she said smiling sweetly, "I said 'I enjoyed myself, Mrs Brown. You had a lot better dinner than I thought you'd have.'" — *GRIFF NIBLACK, Indianapolis News.* f

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In a village election in rock-ribbed Republican Vermont, one Democratic vote was discovered before the tabulation had been completed. Election officials stopped to ponder this marvel, then decided to complete the count. Another Democratic vote turned up.

"That settles it," said one official. "That dad-burned fool voted twice." — *United Mine Workers Jnl.* g

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Then there was the fellow that wanted to know if he could have a day off with pay. When asked why, he repl'd, "I want to catch up on the time I missed for coffee breaks when I was on vacation." — *Durez Molder, hm, Durez Plastics Div, Hooker Electrochemical Co.* h

April 15 is deadline for filing Fed'l Income Tax ret'ns. We mark the occasion with appropriate comment.

*Of early spring flowers  
I take a wry view.  
Their coming reminds me  
That taxes are due!  
And tho I admit  
They brighten the scenery,  
Their foliage reflects  
My own loss of greenery.*

—*KAY KELLOGG, Better Homes & Gardens.*

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*When speaking of a taxpayer these days, it's a plain case of redundancy to say he's alive and kicking.* — *S S BIDDLE.*

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*No matter how staggering the taxes, they never fall down.* — *KATE M OWNEY.*

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*Not everyone can help run the gov't, but everyone has to have what it takes.* — *CAROLINE CLARK.*

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*All you have to do to ruin a perfect day is calculate how much of your income went to Uncle Sam.* — *O A BATTISTA.*

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*Before Uncle Sam takes the shirts off our backs at this tax-paying season, he provides himself with plenty of bureaus in which to keep them.*

Quote

## behind the IRON CURTAIN



A British and a Russian diplomat got together privately to see if they couldn't reach some sort of an agreement. In order to discuss big issues in detail, the Russian brought along his personal interpreter. All went well, and there seemed to be a basis for mutual agreement.

"I must first consult with my gov't," said the Englishman after the third mtg, "but I beg of you, not a word must leak out prematurely of our conversations."

"Don't worry about that," repl'd the Russian. "We've already liquidated the interpreter." — PAUL STEINER, *American Mercury*.

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A Communist deputy approached a conservative mbr of the French Senate and showed to him a special edition of the works of Karl Marx, printed in Braille. "These are for the blind," he explained.

"Monsieur," repl'd the Senator, "all the works of Marx are for the blind." — PAUL STEINER, *American Mercury*.

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"What kind of sailors are they?" asked St Peter.

"Americans," said the gatekeeper. "Let 'em in," said St Peter. "They'll be asking for a transfer in 6 mo's anyway."—*Atlas News*, hm, Atlas Auto Finance Co. i

*Quote*

A businessman came belatedly to realize that in trying to educate his sec'y he was driving himself bubble-headed. He resolved the problem by designing a small stamp. Now, his letters still go out with typos and erasures, but at the bottom is this stamped line: "She Can't Type, but She's Beautiful!"—JANE ALLISON, *Indianapolis Star*. j

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From a business man's confidential budget record:

April 1. Ad for a  
sec'y ..... 10.00 francs  
3. Violets ..... 2.50  
4. Pralines ... 6.00  
8. Sec'y's pay  
for wk .... 120.00  
10. Flowers .... 12.00  
11. Pralines for my  
wife ..... 18.00  
15. Sec'y's pay for  
wk ..... 160.00  
18. Purse ..... 70.00  
22. Gloria's pay  
for wk ..... 240.00  
24. Dinner and theater with  
Gloria ..... 190.00  
25. Candy for my  
wife ..... 1.50  
28. Fur coat for my  
wife ..... 5600.00  
29. Ad for a  
sec'y ..... 10.00

—Weltwoche, Zurich (QUOTE translation). k

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Not a man on the bus rose to give the bundle-laden woman a seat. One middle-aged male, however, was more thoughtful than the others. He tugged at her skirt and whispered furtively: "Be on your toes at Pine Blvd, lady. That's where I get off."—E E KENYON, *American Wkly*. l

Richard Armour



### Who'd Sink to Mink?

*The U. S. Tariff Commission has been told that mink may go out of style if low tariffs make it easier to import foreign furs.—News item.*

It's dreadful to think  
What would happen if mink  
Should suddenly flood the market,  
If the stuff should roll in  
Until hardly a bin  
Or closet were left us to park it.

Consider the pelt  
Now regarded as svelte  
And classy and utterly utter  
As common as tweed  
Or as rabbit, indeed.  
Around us in casual clutter.

If the neighbor whom now  
We can manage to cow  
Should find a cheap mink at the  
store,  
Though our own (U S brand)  
Is more soft to the hand,  
Will it seem quite as nice as before?

Oh, promise to keep  
Out the mink that is cheap,  
Let none of it darken my shelf,  
Lest everyone snuggle  
In mink, I shall struggle  
Along without any myself.

When a woman, indulging in  
rich canapes, commented that she  
had to watch her waistline, her  
friend purred, "And how lucky you  
are to have it right out there  
where you can."—Lion. m

The teacher had been giving a lecture to his class on modern inventions. "Can any of you tell me of anything of importance that did not exist 50 yrs ago?"

Exclaimed one of them, "Me!"—  
Arkansas Baptist. n

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The European singer Whilhelmine Schroder-Devrient was in a train compartment with a gentleman and another woman, the latter happening to start a conversation on the subject of singers, finally getting around to saying that Devrient's voice had become so poor and that she was as fat as a stuffed goose. The man smiled, then repl'd "Perhaps you'd like to tell that directly to Devrient, who is sitting across from you."

The woman paled, then recovered quickly and explained, "Madame, that gnawing critic on the newspaper, the *Dresdener Anzeiger*, is the source of all my information. These newspaper employes are really terrible."

Devrient smiled, then repl'd, "Perhaps you'd like to tell that directly to the music critic of the *Dresdener Anzeiger*, who happens to be sitting next to you!"—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (Quote translation). o

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The nurse motioned to one of the expectant fathers and announced, "You have a son." Another man dropped his cigarette, jumped up and cried, "Say, what's the idea? I was here before he was."—*Journeiman Barber*. p

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GIOVANNI PAPINI, Italian author:  
"Our universities should start 'De-  
partments of Ignorance' having as  
their goal a diligent inventory of  
all that man doesn't know."  
(QUOTE translation). 1-Q-t

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Prof HAJIME UDA, Meiji Univ,  
Tokyo: "Our studies in 10 Japa-  
nese cities indicate that well-  
nourished, plump fathers sire girls  
generally, while undernourished,  
thin men are fathers of boys."  
(QUOTE translation). 2-Q-t

**SECOND CLASS MATTER**

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Judging from the increasing number of items intended to circumvent them, more people must be "maturing their felonious little plans" all the time. If you suspect any of your friends or customers of being incipient check-forgers, here are 2 ways to foil them.

Fidelity Check Corp'n, Cleveland, has developed a new, inexpensive watermarking process. You may have checks or stationery watermarked with a trademark, picture, name or special design fixed into the fabric of the paper. This defies eradication or duplication.

Watermarked checks cost banks just the same as regular checks. The stationery costs \$3 per hundred sheets.

For small businesses or individuals, there's a low-cost check writer made by Magna Industries, 1060 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles 19, Calif. The machine, which is compact and simple to operate, automatically spaces and perforates paper with each number and word in indelible red ink. And if anybody tries to alter the check, he's just wasting his time and energy. Writer will take any size check.

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